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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed for consideration in the above application prior to examination of the application.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (amended) The packaging machine as claimed in claim 1, [or claim 2] wherein one of said complementary members comprises a protruding portion extending from a working